

Community Analysis



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Portage, Indiana

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Lake Michigan

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CANADA

Lake Erie

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INDIANA COLLECTION

Portage

Community Analysis Ready Reference
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◆ Location

County: Porter

County size: 418 sq. mi.

Distance & direction to major cities:

Chicago, IL (W) 40 miles

Indianapolis, IN (S) 148 miles

Fort Wayne, IN (SE) 106 miles

Detroit, MI (NE) 245 miles

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◆ Population

Census Year	City	County
1970	19,127	87,114
1980	27,409	119,816
1990	29,060	128,932
1992	30,496	134,972

Metropolitan statistical area: Gary-Hammond

Average income per household: N/A

◆ Climate

Coldest mo.: January **Avg. temp. of:** 20.1°F

Hottest mo.: July **Avg. temp. of:** 72.9°F

◆ Government

Form & organization: City; mayor-city council, clerk-treasurer, 7 councilmen

Incorporated or unincorporated: Incorporated

Class: 3

Area within city: 26.5 sq. mi.

Annual budget: \$9,004,931 (1992)

Primary source of revenue: State & property tax

Fire insurance rating in community: 3

◆ Taxes

LOCAL (Applicable State Property Tax Replacement Credit will reduce the gross tax rates)

Total gross rate within city per \$100 valuation:

Portage Twp.: \$10.2965; Westchester Twp.: \$8.9003

Assessed at: 33-1/3% **Year payable:** 1994

COUNTY

None

STATE

State retail sales tax: 5%

State corporate gross income or adjusted gross

income tax: Corporate gross income or adjusted gross income tax - 0.3% - 1.2% or adjusted gross - 3.4%; supplemental net income tax - 4.5%

Unemployment contribution rate: .2% - 5.5%; experience rating

Benefits: 26 weeks maximum; \$116 - \$202

Workmen's compensation rate: Employer's liability

Benefits: 66-2/3% of weekly wage; \$428.00 maximum

Corporate franchise tax: None

Machinery, equipment, inventory tax: Property tax

◆ Housing

Total housing units in city/town: 10,864 (1990 census)

Total housing units in county: 47,240 (1990 census)

Average housing cost in city/town: N/A

Available rental units: N/A

Total hotel/motel rooms: 479

◆ Healthcare

No. of hospitals: 1 - Porter Memorial in Valparaiso

Total no. of beds: 415

◆ Education

No. of schools: 11 public, 4 parochial (1991)

Total enrollment (K-12): 6,210 (1991)

1994 COMBINED AVERAGE VERBAL & MATH SAT SCORES

Average SAT score: 820

Average Indiana SAT score: 876

Average national SAT score: 902

VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES

Portage Adult Education

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Indiana Univ. Northwest, Gary; Purdue Univ. Calumet,

Hammond; St. Joseph's Calumet College, Whiting;

Valparaiso Univ., Valparaiso

◆ Civic and Recreational

MAJOR CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Chamber of Commerce, Federated Women's Club, Rotary, Lions, Exchange

MAIN CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore; Bailly Homestead & Chelberg Farm, Porter

LIBRARY(S)

No. of libraries: 1 **No. of volumes:** 43,841

PARKS

City: 8

County: 0

State: Indiana Dunes State Park

GOLF COURSES

Public: 1 **Private:** 0

WATERWAYS

No. of nearby lakes: 1 **Rivers:** 1

◆ Labor Market

FEBRUARY 1995 PORTER COUNTY LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

Present employment: 67,270

Labor force: 70,600

Unemployment rate: 4.7%

1993 PORTER CO. EMPLOYMENT PATTERNS

Total covered employment average: 47,877

Mfg. average - goods producing: 11,613

Non-mfg. average - service producing: 29,446

Government average: 6,802

WAGE RANGES

	Low	High
Skilled:	N/A	N/A
Unskilled:	N/A	N/A

GENERAL INFO

% manufacturing companies unionized: 80%

State right to work law: No

◆ Industry

MAJOR INDUSTRIES

Name: Enamel Products & Plating Co.

Product: steel coil coatings

No. of employees: 130

Name: Konrady Plastics

Product: plastic machining & fabricating

No. of employees: 17

Name: Levy Co., Inc.

Product: sand, gravel & slag

No. of employees: 325

Name: Metro Metals Corp.

Product: sheet metal fabricating, tension leveling, shearing, blanking & slitting of ferrous & non-ferrous metals

No. of employees: 120

Name: National Steel Co.

Product: cold- and hot-rolled & galvanized steel; tin-mill products

No. of employees: 1,650

Plant openings in last five years: Hunter Corporation, 1990; Beta Steel, 1992; Indiana Pickling & Processing, 1992; J. M. Huber, 1992; Correct Construction, 1993; Feralloy Processing, 1993; Neo Industries, 1993; Davy Songer, 1994; Steel Warehouse, Inc., 1995

◆ Utilities

ELECTRIC

Service by: Northern Indiana Public Service Co.

Electric rate increase pending: No

NATURAL GAS

Service by: Northern Indiana Public Service Co.

Gas rate increase pending: No

WATER

Service by: Gary-Hobart Water Corp.

Source: Lake Michigan

Pumping capacity: 90,000,000 gpd

Peak demand: 58,000,000 gpd

Treatment capacity: N/A

SANITATION

Sewerage treatment plant: Yes

Capacity: 3,500,000 gpd

Dry weather flow: 2,800,000 gpd avg.

Wet weather flow: 3,500,000 gpd avg.

Peak demand: 5,250,000 gpd

Area covered by plant: City

◆ Transportation

HIGHWAYS

Interstate: I-94, I-80/90 **Distance to:** 0 mi.

U.S.: 20, 12 **Distance to:** 0 mi.

State highway load limits: 80,000 lbs. gross

RAIL

Conrail, CSS&SB, CSX

TRUCK LINES

Major national/local lines: 6

Overnight delivery within 500 miles: Major cities within 300 miles

AIR

Local airport: Gary Regional Airport, Gary

Runways: 7,000 ft. primary & 3,600 ft. crosswind

Flights per day: 6 scheduled passenger

Charter service available: Yes

Nearest major airport: O'Hare International Airport & Midway Airport, Chicago - 1-1/2 hr.; Michiana Regional, South Bend - 1 hr.

PORT FACILITIES (Nearest)

Burns International Harbor, Portage, Indiana -- 5 mi.

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